

of the finest primulas found on the Likiang snow range. It grows in company with the preceding *P. sinopurpurea* (S.P.I. No. 55899) in similar situations, though not nearly so common, for it does not seed readily. The deep indigo-blue flowers are an inch and a half across and, like the preceding, appear quite early."

**PRUNUS URSINA** (Amygdalaceae), 55872. Plum. From Beirut, Syria. Seeds presented by Alfred E. Day, American University of Beirut. "A wild plum. The fruits of this particular tree are decidedly larger and sweeter than usual; they are about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter, and yellow with pink cheeks." (Day.)

**PRUNUS** spp. (Amygdalaceae), 55818, 55819, 55822 to 55824, 55901. From Yunnan, China. Seeds collected by J. F. Rock, Agricultural Explorer of the Bureau of Plant Industry. Quoted notes by Mr. Rock.

55818. **PRUNUS** sp. Plum. "(Near Szemao. July, 1922.) A large tree 40 feet or more in height, collected 30 li (9 miles) from Szemao at 5,000 feet altitude. The red fruits are the size of walnuts, with loose, rather sour flesh. This should be good as a stock plant."

55819. **PRUNUS** sp. Plum. "(Near Szemao. July, 1922.) A large tree 45 feet high, found in the mountains at an altitude of 6,000 feet. The dark-red fruits, the size of large walnuts, have hard flesh with a sour insipid flavor. This tree was free from disease and should make a good stock plant."

55822. **PRUNUS** sp. Cherry. "(Likiang. August, 1922.) A tree 35 to 40 feet high, growing among limestone boulders at an altitude of 10,000 feet. It is a fine shapely tree, with glossy leathery foliage, racemes of white flowers, and dark-red, glossy fruits the size of a pea.

"The temperature at the village of Nguluke, in the Likiang plain, drops to below zero Fahrenheit in the winter, and a fall of 22 inches of snow in December is not uncommon."

55823. **PRUNUS** sp. Cherry. "(Likiang. August, 1922.) A shapely tree which grows at an altitude of 10,000 feet among limestone boulders on the Likiang snow range. It has long drooping racemes of cream-colored flowers and small yellowish green fruits which are sour when ripe."

55824. **PRUNUS** sp. Plum. "(Likiang. August, 1922.) A very hardy plum tree 35 to 40 feet high, growing semi-wild in the vicinity of Likiang, at altitudes of 8,500 to 9,000 feet. The bright-red, perfectly round fruits are the size of large walnuts, clingstone, with yellow, sweetish sour flesh which makes excellent jelly and jam."

55901. **PRUNUS** sp. Plum. "(No. 6056. Likiang. August 25, 1922.) A wild plum tree 20 to 25 feet high, of spreading habit, found in limestone soil on the eastern side of the Likiang plain, opposite the snow range, at an altitude of 10,500 feet. It bears perfectly round fruits